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Ad General' Quarterial Seſſion' Pacis Domini Regis, Necnon ad Seſſion' Oyer et Terminer & Deliberation' Gaol' Domini Regis de Newgate, *tent' pro Civitat'* London, *per Adjournament' apud* Juſtice-Hall *in le* Old-Baily, *in Paroch' Sancti* Sepulchri *in Warda de* Faringdon *extra* London, *præd' die Jovis, ſcil' Decimo nono die* April', *Anno Regni Dom' noſtri* CAROLI *Secundi, Dei gratia* Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, *Regis, Fidei Defenſor', &c. Triceſimo quinto; Coram* Wilhelmo Pritchard *Mil', Majore Civitatis* London; Edmundo Saunders *Mil', Capitali Juſtic' dicti Domini Regis ad Placita coram ipſo Rege tenend' aſſign'*; Thoma Raymond *Mil' un' Juſtic' dicti Domini Regis ad Placita coram ipſo Rege tenend' aſſign'*; Edwardo Atkyns *Mil', un' Baron' Scaccarii dicti Domini Regis*; Wilhelmo Turner *Mil'*, & Johanne Moore *Mil', Aldr'is Civitat' prædict'*; Georgio Treby *Mil' Recordatore ejuſd' Civitat'*; Henrico Tulſe *Mil'*, Jacobo Smith *Mil'*, Roberto Geffery *Mil'*, Johanne Peake *Mil'*, & Thoma Bernard *Mil', Aldr'is dict' Civitat'*, ac *al' Sociis ſuis Juſtic' ipſius Domini Regis adtunc & ibidem Præſent'*.

THIS Day the Grand Jury ſworn for this Quarter Seſſions made unto this Court ſeveral Preſentments in Writing under their Hands, The Tenor whereof are as follow, *viz.*

We the Jurors ſworn to Enquire on the behalf of our Sovereign Lord the KING of all Offences committed in the City of LONDON and Liberties thereof,

of, in consideration of our Duty and in Obedience to the Directions given us by Mr. Recorder in his Charge, do humbly present that—

We conceive that nothing can more tend to the preserving the Kings Peace, the restoring Love and Kindness between Neighbours and Fellow-Subjects and Citizens, than a strict and due Execution of those Good and Wholesome Laws which the Wisdom of our Governours hath provided for Uniformity in Gods Holy Worship and suppressing Unlawful Conventicles; In which, seditious Sectaries, and other Disloyal Persons find Opportunity to distil the poysonous Principles of Schism and Rebellion into the Hearts of his Maiesties Subjects, thereby seducing the Unwary and less Discerning to the Danger of the Church and Kingdom, as by woful Experience hath in all times, but more especially of late been found.

For preventing of which Mischiefs we conceive, That all Care ought to be taken for the speedy Conviction of Popish Recusants, that so they may be disabled from practising the Common Law of this Realm as Counsellors, Clerks, Attorneys, or Solicitors; the Civil Law, as Advocates or Proctors; or practising of Physick, or exercising the Trade of an Apothecary, or bearing Office in any Court, or having the Command of any Ship or Fortress of the Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as in and by an Act of Parliament in the third Year of King *JAMES* is provided.

And further, That all Laws made against Jesuits, Popish Priests, and other Popish Recusants whatsoever be put in Execution duly.

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Moreover, We preſent that notwithſtanding the many ſtrict Laws and his Majeſties Command for the ſuppreſſing of all Conventicles and unlawful Meetings, expreſſed in a Letter lately ſent to your Lordſhip and the Court of Aldermen, for putting the ſame in Execution, and your Lordſhips Orders and Proceedings thereupon; there are yet frequently held in many Wards of this City, and eſpecially in the Ward of *Cripplegate*, divers ſuch Conventicles and Unlawful Meetings in contempt of the Kings Authority, to the breach of his Peace, and the diſhonour of the Government of this City, which ought therefore by all poſſible and lawful Means to be ſuppreſſed and the Offenders puniſhed according to Law.

For the ſpeedy and moſt eaſie effecting of which, we Preſent Dr. *Jacomb*, *Edmund Calamy*, *William Jenkins*, *Samuel Slaughter*, *Richard Steele*, Dr. *John Owen*, Col. *Henry Danvers*, *Thomas Watſon*, *Timothy Cruſoe*, *Thomas Doolittle*, *William Cockaine*, *Thomas Lye*, *John How*, *Samuel Leigh*, *Chriſtopher Fowler*, *John Turner*, and *Thomas Plant*; all and every of which Perſons (as we are informed and as is notoriouſly known) have lately taken upon them to preach in ſome Unlawful Aſſembly, Conventicle or Meeting within the City of *London* or Liberties thereof, and do reſide or dwell, or frequently come and be in the ſaid City and within Five Miles of the ſame, contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Caſe made and provided: And we humbly pray, that your Lordſhip and this Honourable Court will be pleaſed to take effectual Care that they and all others offending againſt the ſaid Statute, may forthwith be proſecuted thereupon,

and the Powers therein given to your Lordship and the Justices of this City, be constantly Executed.

We Present likewise the great and general Neglect of Constables and other Officers to put the said Laws in execution, as well in not giving Information of such Conventicles or Unlawful Meetings, and not endeavouring the Conviction of Offenders therein, as not serving of Warrants to prevent or suppress the same, or to levy Penalties on Offenders when convicted.

We Present also the too general and scandalous Practice of resorting to and tipling in Publick Houses on the Lords Day during the time of Divine Service, and pray that all Constables and other Officers whose Duty it is to prevent or prosecute such Offences, and fail in the performance thereof, may be severely punished for the same.

We do also present our humble Desires to your Lordship, that you will be pleased at your first Opportunity of waiting on His Majesty to represent our most Humble and Hearty Acknowledgments for his great Grace and Favour vouchsafed to this City in putting a stop to the Grant of a Market and Fair at *Conduit-Mead*, which would have been of so great Prejudice to this City; and for all other the Demonstrations of his great Goodness to this City; And we do beseech your Lordship to assure his Majesty, That we, according to our Duty and great Obligations, shall constantly employ our Endeavours for the Service of his Majesty, his Heirs and Lawful Successors: And we do hope and pray that his Majesties Reign may be Long and Prosperous, and all his

Subjects

Subjects both in this City and the whole Kingdom may unanimously Promote and Maintain the Peace and good Order of his Majesties Government as now Established in Church and State.

Peter Pickering.	*Henry Kemp.*	*John Tempest.*
John Johnson.	*William Fitzhugh.*	*John Head.*
Thomas Barnes.	*Doyley Dyer.*	*Edw. Le Neve.*
William Halles.	*Matth. Foubler.*	*John Moore.*
Richard Hoare.	*Richard Moore.*	*Tho. Sherman.*
Thomas Sargeant.	*Richard Peirce.*	

Upon Reading of which Presentments, His Majesties said Justices did declare their good liking and approbation thereof: And it is thereupon Resolved and Ordered by His Majesties Justices of the Peace here present, as to the several Offences therein mentioned, that the same shall be duly and vigorously prosecuted, and the utmost Endeavours used for Reformation thereof within this City and Liberties; And that the Offenders therein named, and all Others offending in any of the said Particulars, be strictly punished, according to the provision of the Laws respectively made in that behalf: And all Churchwardens, Constables, and other his Majesties Officers and Ministers are required and enjoyned carefully and diligently to perform their duty in Execution of the said Laws, and bringing the said Offenders to condign Punishment; Otherwise they must expect to have the utmost Penalties inflicted on them for their Default therein.

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And it is further Ordered, That all the ſaid Conſtables and other Officers, do immediately, and ſo from time to time, diligently ſearch for and endeavour to find all the ſaid Offenders particularly named in the ſaid Preſentments, and all Others offending in any of the ſaid Particulars, and bring them before ſome Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for this City, to be dealt withal as in and by the Laws in that behalf is provided.

And it is earneſtly Recommended to the ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace for this City, and likewiſe to all the Aldermen of this City in their ſeveral Stations, duly and conſtantly to inflict Puniſhments on the ſaid Offenders, as in and by the ſaid Laws reſpectively they are Impowered and Required: And as well to give all due encouragement and countenance to ſuch of the ſaid Officers as ſhall faithfully and diligently diſcharge their Duties, as ſeverely to puniſh thoſe as ſhall be negligent and remiſs therein.

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